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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE IN ARGENTINA, 23 NOV 77

1. THE FEDERAL SECURITY SERVICE REPORTS THAT THE CENTER OF THE EARTHQUAKE WAS LOCATED IN GENERAL LAVALLE, MENDOZA PROVINCE, GRID COORDINATE APPROXIMATELY 34-30S, 68-30W, IN A TOWN CALLED PASTIZAL. MANY HOMES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AS A RESULT OF THE EARTHQUAKE AND NATIONAL HIGHWAY 40 HAS BECOME IMPASSABLE.

2. IN SAN JUAN PROVINCE, LOCATED AT GRID COORDINATE 31-00S, 69D-00W, THE MOST AFFECTED CITY, WAS CAUSETE, WITH A POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 30 THOUSAND. THIS IS THE SECOND LARGEST CITY IN THE PROVINCE. 70 PERCENT OF THE BUILDINGS IN THE CITY WERE REPORTED DESTROYED AND BUILDINGS IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS WERE ALSO AFFECTED. THERE IS A LARGE FISSURE IN ONE OF THE HILLS WHICH SERVES THE SAN JUAN DAM. AT PRESENT THE NUMBER OF DEAD IS REPORTED AT 20 AND OVER 100 HAVE BEEN WOUNDED. IN THE CAPITAL OF SAN JUAN, THERE

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HAVE BEEN NO REPORTED INJURIES AS THE STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN BUILT QUAKE PROOF. FEDERAL SECURITY SERVICE BELIEVES THAT MANY MORE PEOPLE MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED BUT THE EXACT NUMBER WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL CLEANUP AND RESCUE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

3. ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE NO APPEAL UP

TO THE PRESENT TIME FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FORM THE
USG AND TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE NO AMCITS HAVE BEEN
KILLED OR INJURED.
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